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The editor goes on to say: Moreover, this strange request, though not odd coming from the Reagan administration, is considered a blatant transgression of the sovereignty of an independent state such as Brazil, as interference in its political decision making and as an attempt to belittle the dignity of the people of Brazil.

The political editor concluded by saying: Free people of the world condemn this hostile U.S. policy; they are determined to struggle to challenge imperialism and colonialism and with every new day they are becoming more assured of victory.

AL-QADHDHAFI ON TIES WITH U.S., PRC, PLO, JAPAN

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[Interview with Libyan head of state Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi by three Japanese reporters, including NHK Benghazi correspondent Kuwae, at a farm on the outskirts of Benghazi on 4 December -- recorded; interview conducted in English with Japanese translations appearing in subtitles and simultaneous voice translation]

[Text] [Question] What was the main cause of the OAU's failure to convene a summit meeting on two occasions? The uncompromising attitude of Jamahiriyyah was the main cause of the failure...

[Answer, interrupts] No, that is not true.

[Question] What do you think was the major reason for the second failure of the OAU summit?

[Answer] It is very clear: the intervention of the United States and France in the domestic affairs of some African countries. Because of this, those countries did not participate in the summit. Those African countries are not independent in that respect. We are willing to establish good relations with the United States as with any other country in the world. Libya has tried time and again to improve relations with the United States. However, the United States, particularly the Reagan administration, has refused to improve relations with Libya. The United States shows no sign of trying to improve relations.

[Question] Could you tell us why you visited China recently?

[Answer] Why not? China is a friendly country and an important country for the Third World. Our relations with China have been good thus far. Therefore, my recent visit to China is not of particular significance. On my part, I intend to maintain our present relations.

Our relations with the PLO are also good. The Palestinians are our brothers, and their unit [tani] is also our unit. When they were withdrawing from Beirut, I sent a telegram to Chairman 'Arafat encouraging him to fight to the last drop of their blood. But I did not mean to tell them to commit suicide. I think you can understand what I am saying if you look at the massacre that occurred at the refugee camps after the PLO withdrew from Beirut.

We consider Japan a friendly country. Historically, we have had no bad relations and at present there are no problems that might hamper the improvement of cooperation between the two sides. There are possibilities for our two countries to cooperate with each other in all fields and improve relations. This is my message to the Japanese people.